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I am old enough to have lived through a time in America when we actually acted to prevent giant monopolies from cornering and commanding markets. This is fundamental to real free enterprise (a now largely corrupted term).

I am a journalist for a small town paper and have had to write a stream of stories about small businesses that after generations of service have been crushed by giant enterprise...the last local pharmacy, the last small grocer, the last family garden supply, etc.

I watched a community bank here in New Haven sell out to a big corporate entity with heavy local cost. America works best when its people have a sense of community and that is built on the vibrance of its local institutions and merchants, A continuing slide to vast leverage by corporate scale companies whose agendas have little relevance or sympathy for local interest is a corruption of American society. It is eroding the true America I believe in.

Please attend the meeting on the Wal-Mart bank, I'm certain you will hear the real voice of America speaking out against the wholesale sell-out of our communities.